The Government is implementing a Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme namely "Gramin Bhandaran Yojana" for construction of rural godowns to enable farmers to enhance their holding capacity to sell their produce at remunerative price. Under this Scheme, Government is providing subsidy at the rate of 25 per cent of the capital cost of the project. A higher subsidy of 33.33 per cent of the capital cost is provided to beneficiaries belonging to SC/ST and for North Eastern States and hilly areas. Till September, 2007, a total of 17,099 rural godown projects with a total capacity of 200.96 lakh tonnes having a subsidy component of Rs.577.00 crore have been sanctioned in the country. Government is also implementing a Central Sector Scheme for "Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading & Standardization" to encourage rapid development of marketing infrastructure in agriculture and allied sectors, to cater to the post-harvest requirements of production and marketable surplus of various farm products.

Products purchased under Market Intervention Scheme

†1179. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of State Governments and NAFED which have so far bought products under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) to protect farmers from loss;

(b) whether it would be considered to implement minimum support price for crops (fruits and vegetables); and

(c) whether the prices of potato and onion has come down as compared to the prices in September, 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) A Statement showing the names of States and the commodities procured under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) No proposal to implement minimum support price for fruits and vegetables is under consideration of the Government, since the support can be provided through MIS.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statement

Names of States and the commodities procured under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Commodities for which MIS implemented
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Chilli, Oilpalm
2.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Arecanut
3.	Goa	Arecanut
4.	Gujarat	Onion, Garlic, Chicory, Isabgol, Castar seed
5.	Haryana	Grapes, Mushroom, Kinoo/Malta
6.	Himachal Pradesh	Apples, Kinoo, Malta, Orange, Galgal, Potato
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	Apples
8.	Karnataka	Onion, Potato, Oilpalm, Arecanut
9.	Kerala	Black Pepper, Clove, Ginger

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Commodities for which MIS implemented
10.	Maharashtra	Onion
11.	Meghalaya	Ginger, Potato
12.	Mizoram	Ginger, Hatkora, Passion Fruit
13.	Punjab	Potato, Grapes, Kinoo, Malta
14.	Rajasthan	Kinoo, Malta, Onion, Garlic, Orange, Coriander seed, Cumin seed
15.	Sikkim	Ginger, Cabbage
16.	Tripura	Pineapple
17.	Uttar Pradesh	Potato, Apples, Kinoo, Malta
18.	Uttarakhand	Apples, Malta
19.	West Bengal	Potato

Payment for compensation to affected farmers in Rajasthan

1180. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government is considering the request of Rajasthan regarding release of balance Central Government's share of Rs. 26.13 crores for payment of compensation to affected farmers of Kharif, 2005 under NAIS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): There is no pending balance amount of Central Government's share pertaining to claims of farmers of Rajasthan for Kharif 2005 under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

Production of onion

†1181. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of onion is increasing continuously in the country from the year 2004-05 to the month of March, 2006-07;

(b) if so, the rate of increase in production in the above said each year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that export of onion has also increased continuously in the above said years in the country;

(d) if so, the rate of increase of export in the above said each year; and

(e) the average purchase price for domestic common consumers at national level in the country in above said each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) As per data compiled by the National Horticulture Board, the production of onion in the country and the rate of increase from 2004-05 to 2006-07 are as follows:

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